

② ACCESS & INTERPRETATION.

CONSIDERATION OF A/I INVOLVES DISCUSSION OF A NUMBER OF INTER-RELATED TOPICS, EACH IMPORTANT & NOT ALL CAPABLE OF ASSESSMENT AT THIS STAGE.

(1) AREAS OF INT: - ~~THE MONUMENT. ARCHITECTURE~~ ~~NOT EASY~~ | EXCAVATION | COSTS.
HISTORY - FASCINATING - NOT REALLY DISAPRAVABLE.
SETTING & RELATED SUBJECTS (ORN/BOT/GEOL etc).

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ACCESS:

Methods.

Costs.

Desirability

Maintenance.

Intro:-

BACKGROUND. —

CASLE & HISTORY

CAWDOE'S INTEREST & PROPOSAL

JULY MEETING.

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FABRIC

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SHORE-BASED FACILITIES

③. Auxiliary Facilities

Map & Plans.

- (a) Parking
- (b) Interpretation.

(a) PARKING: -

(1) Present spot.

ADV. — Bit more, other side of road. Turning place possible.

DISADV — limited. Few Amv. Walkway.
Other spot would need fenced.
No turning place

(2) Roadside

ADV. — Closes.
Houses.

DISADV. — limited.
More obtrusive.
No turning place.

Discussion:

Conclusion:

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ACCESS: The Castle stands on an island, approx. 100 m from the shore, with the intervening channel an estimated 12' deep at most. IF access is to be created, 3 methods have been suggested

- (1) CAUSEWAY - Too expensive
Too subject to ~~vandalism~~ Unsupervised visits.
ADV. DISADV. Need for on-site interpretation.
- (2) PONTOON - Expensive.
Subject to vandalism.
ADV. DISADV. Both wild & open - white action often high.
Less damage. Need for on-site interpretation.
- (3) FERRY - Cost of boat (PURCHASE MAINTENANCE CHARGES) ADV. STORAGE OF BOAT etc.
Cost of ferryman. DISADV.
Public Access.
Accompanied - less need for on-site interpretation.

DISCUSSION:-

Difficult to interpret
Faint for architectural features.
Bad underfoot.

Litter.
Vandalism.

QUESTIONNAIRE
AT
LOCHSIDE?
CENSUS OF TRAFFIC.

CONCLUSIONS:-

MAIN ENCLOSURE - Walls generally in good condition - some minor infilling & repointing may be required at lower levels. Wall capping, where present vegetation, should be adequate.

TOWERS - The NE Tower stands to almost full height and is generally in good condition. Any repair work should be v. localised and confined to masonry w imminent danger of falling. The other 3 towers are in much more fragmentary condition. Some pointing + wall-capping may be necessary in places, but the Ball is sufficiently stable to keep such work to a minimum.

ENCLOSURE WALL - In ~~poor condition~~ a poor state of preservation. A few places where consolidation might be required. Very capping adequate protection, particularly at wall-butts.

ANNEXE WALLS: Generally good, but damaged. of mortar at the base - up to c. 2m has ~~been~~ created voids on the exterior which require patching + the wall repointed to that height. ~~the~~ Scaffolding work minimal. Stone abundant on the island. Some internal damage from vegetation & need to consolidate inner face in places.

HALL:- Almost totally ruined, except W. wall, where most of a window survives. This wall needs some consolidation, & the window blocking removed & the wall capped at sill level. This will also make the architectural detail clearer.

-BARN:- Trees: some abrasion by branches in high winds requires lopping. However, these are mainly mature ash trees which provide shelter, and should be retained where possible. Trees on site gen. marked by John Knight.

Bad underfoot in places.

Notes: All work must be carried out to satisfaction & approval of HBW (SMD), using both approved materials & workforce. While advice will be freely given, funding is unlikely, as resources are committed elsewhere.

DISCUSSION: - Access more work needed.

CONCLUSION: .

LOCHINDORB CASTLE: A PRELIMINARY REPORT.

The following report is a response to the initiative put forward by Lord Cawdor in his privately-published report of 1983, and subsequent discussions involving Lord Cawdor; the Manpower Services Commission; and various departments of Highland Regional Council.

The proposition is to investigate the means by which:

- (a) The fabric of the Castle might best be consolidated and stabilised for its future preservation.
- (b) The methods by which the Castle might be made accessible to, and interpreted by, the general public.
- (c) The facilities which might be developed in conjunction with access and interpretation, notably parking facilities.

1: THE CASTLE FABRIC

Present condition: the Castle comprises a high-walled trapezoidal courtyard with internal building remains; and a courtyard annexe within an equally high wall containing the remains of a large hall. The whole lies within the narrow confines of an apparently artificially-enlarged island or shallows in Lochindorb, some 300m from the E shore.

INTRODUCTION: -

Reason for report etc.

- 3 main areas: (1) CASTLE FABRIC
(2) ACCESS & INTERPRETATION.
(3) ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

(1). CASTLE FABRIC

Description of Castle in general.

- (Then individually):
- a MAIN ELEMENTS. — (a) WALLS (b) TOWERS.
 - b ENCLOSED BUILDINGS
 - c ANNEXE WALLS
 - d HALL.
 - e. ISLAND - esp. TREE COVER. — marked by John Knight?

(1) CONDITION

(2) REPAIRS — METHODS.
MATERIALS.
COSTS.
LOGISTICS.

ANNOTATED PLAN: -

Methods: - infilling, repointing, some refacing.